	1990	1991	1992
West Asia/North Africa	55.66	66.14	73.21
Japan/Babarain	5.94	15.55	32.05
U.S.A./Canada	4.60	11.01	12.03
Others	--	0.72	0.99
Total	148.99	193.41	230.86

Note: These exports are exclusive of incentives,

(fa) No. such complaint has been received by the Ministry of Commerce from any country.

Suggestion on Forming Trade Blocs

731. SHRI ANANI RAM JAISWAL: SHRI S.VTYA PRAKASH MALAV1VA : SHRIMATI KAMLA S1NHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Govrnment have received any suggestion to form trading blocs of its own with Ttsdonesia, Philippines and Singapcre-.

(b) if so, what rue the details of the suggestion and what is the reaction of Government thereon; and

(c) the steps taken| likely to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) In a recent paper titled 'Export Promotion Strategy for India', FIEO has suggested that the possibilities of wokring out a strong trade economic linkage with Indonesia Philippines Singapore should be explotcd

India and ASEAN have established a sectoral dialogue covering such areas as 10% RSS/94--28

trading, investment and tourism. The aim of this exercise is to promote tade and economic exchanges between the two sides within the mulhilecral trading system established under the GATT.

India prefers the multilateral to the regional approach because the former offers the greatest prom se for expansion of world trade.

Import of Metals

732. SHRI DIGVDAY SINGH : SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is tbe total quantity of copper brass and other metals imported during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether domestic consumption and import of copper, brass and other metals arc steadily increasing;

(c) if so the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to cope with the shortage of these metals; and

(d) the details cf the steps taken or proposed to be taken to import the above inctals during. the year 1593-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a)